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in us, look, who gets more confidence in us? The Common Cause? The 600 members of Common Cause? No, this doesn't go far enough. They've already said so in the public, thank you for this crumb but this bill doesn't go far enough; you haven't done enough to make us confident. And the other Nebraskans, the 600 who are "non-600 members" of Common Cause are incredibly silent on this matter because their confidence doesn't rest in these kinds of standards. Lastly, I think Senator Beutler said, look, give me some examples as to why we shouldn't do this. Examine that thought that says, justify your freedom before you can have it; until you give me an example, then we'll criminalize behavior; if you can give me an example that would justify freedom I might accept it, but until you can give me a good example, until you can justify why no rule is better than a rule, then we should have a rule. And my notion is government should operate from exactly the opposite end--until you can prove a good example, freedom should be the default position for everybody, including the people inside this body and the people who deal with us. Freedom is the default position, not government regulation. I return Senator Smith's time to himself.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I asked two questions...or one question of myself to start out with, how would it affect my practices, when we were back on that amendment. I arrived at the fact that it would not affect my practices at all and I think it would affect no practices of anyone in this room, so that's why I voted green at first. But then I asked the question, after that, what does it accomplish, and I answered with the word, one word, nothing. And I would encourage you to reconsider. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. The question is, shall the Beutler amendment to AM3321 to LB 1021 be reconsidered? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.